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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of William
4 R. "Sparkie" Armstrong of Moline, who passed away on April 12,
5 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born August 4, 1930 in Geneseo, the son of
7 William and Mildred (Hallsten) Armstrong; he graduated from
8 Geneseo High School and Illinois State Normal University, and
9 did post graduate studies at both Illinois State University and
10 the University of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, He married Dorothy McCann on August 4, 1956 in
12 Creston, Iowa; he was an United States Army veteran and served
13 in the Korean War; he taught History at Rock Island High School
14 for 34 years and was also the Debate Coach; and

15 WHEREAS, He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Moline,
16 American Legion Post 246 in Moline, the American Federation of
17 Teachers, and the ACLU; he was elected in 1978 to District 8
18 for the Rock Island County Board and served the board in many
19 capacities, including a term as Chairman; and

20 WHEREAS, He was one of 116 delegates and one of 2 from the
21 43rd Senatorial District elected to the Illinois 1970

1 Constitutional Convention; and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his sister, Joan
3 Edwards; and

4 WHEREAS, William Armstrong is survived by his wife,
5 Dorothy; his children, Kevin (Roxanne) Armstrong and Bridget
6 (Casey) Stengel; his grandchildren, Brian, Kathleen, Ted,
7 Kelly, and Megan Armstrong and John and Robert Stengel; and his
8 brother, Jack Armstrong; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
12 William Armstrong; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of William Armstrong as a symbol of our
15 sincere sympathy.